

REMARKS

The Application presently comprises claims 1-225. The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement.

Election

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1, 5-15, 22-34, 45-62, 75-84, 122, 124-134, 141-153, and 164-192, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The remaining claims, Claims 2-4, 16-21, 35-44, 63-74, 85-121, 123, 135-140, 154-163, and 193-225 are thus withdrawn from consideration pending an indication of allowance of any generic claim which might be generic with respect to the withdrawn claims. Applicant requests that the withdrawn claims and subject matter be considered should any generic claim be found allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the above election, Applicant requests examination on the merits of the present application. If the Examiner requires further information with respect to this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at (847) 537-3537 for a telephonic interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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